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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Messrs. Braswell and Ticer, Senate
Armed Services Committee Staff, Re General Allen's
Promotion

1. Today I check with Ed Braswell and Jack Ticer regarding the status of General Allen's promotion to Lt. General. Mr. Braswell informed me that at an executive business session of the Committee on 9 May 1973 General Allen's nomination was discussed and one of the members suggested that since General Allen would be a deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence, he should be asked to appear before the Committee to discuss his approach to his job. The Committee staff was instructed to arrange this. The development of the Watergate problem since that time has precluded any further action on this. However it was suggested that we make an appointment for General Allen to get together with Braswell and Woolsey, of the Committee staff, sometime next week preliminary to a later appearance before the Committee.

2. Mr. Braswell commented that since General Allen was designated to his position by Mr. Schlesinger who is now leaving the Agency, it is possible that Mr. Colby will not want him to continue in this position. He also said the testimony of Generals Cushman and Walters in the Watergate matter to the effect that military men are presumed to be more inclined to carry out orders without question might raise an issue on the propriety of military personnel in a civilian organization such as the Agency.

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3. The above information was reported to [] and discussed with Mr. Colby who indicated it was his firm desire that General Allen continue in the position to which he was appointed by Mr. Schlesinger. I will make arrangements for the staff meeting with Braswell and Woolsey next week.

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